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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHIU ET AL.

Examiner

Nicholas Augustine

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,9,10,13,14,17 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,9,10,13,14,17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

- A. This action is in response to the following communications: Request for Continued Examination filed 10/10/2007.
- B. Claims 1-6, 9-10, 13-14 and 17-18 remains pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6, 9-10, 13-14 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilson et al (US 2004/0189720 A1), herein referred to as "Wilson".

As for **independent claim 1**, Wilson teaches a system for proving content in a modular presentation system, comprising: a plurality of displays, wherein each display neighbors at least one other display and at least two of the plurality of displays are in visual proximity to each other (figure 9B and par.39); an input device that receives input of a gesture to move a content from a first display of the plurality of displays (par.92); a processor that interprets a direction to move the content from the first display based on the gesture , the specifies a second display to which the content is to be moved, based

on the gesture and the position of the plurality of displays and that propagates the content of the first display to the second display (par.44,93-95).

As for dependent claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of displays is configured to: receive new content identification information; and transmit old content identification information; and present content associated with the new content Identification information (par.46 and 92; wherein content is sent from one display to the next, the processor knows what content is currently being manipulated and sends that "path" of the content from one display to the next, current item being manipulated as well known in the art to have identification to be communicated in a computing system ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Path_\(computing\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Path_(computing)))).

As for dependent claim 3, Wilson teaches the system of claim 2 wherein new content identification information is received from a processor associated with a neighboring display in the reverse propagation direction, the old content identification information is transmitted to a processor associated with a neighboring display in the forward propagation direction, the forward propagation direction derived from the gesture input (par.92).

As for dependent claim 4, Wilson teaches the system of claim 2 wherein receive new content identification information includes: retrieving new content identification information from a memory stack (figure 11, par.106-109).

As for **independent claims 5 and 13**, Wilson teaches a method of providing content in a modular presentation system having a plurality of displays, wherein at least two of the plurality of displays are in visual proximity to each other (figure 9B), the method comprising: receiving input of a gesture to move a first content presented on a first display of the plurality of displays (par.92); interpreting a direction to move the content from the first display based on the gesture (par.92-93); specifying a second display to which the first content is to be moved based on the gesture and the relative position of the plurality of displays; presenting the first content at the second display and a second content at the first display (figure 9B, par.92-95).

As for dependent claims 6 and 14, Wilson teaches the method of claim 5 wherein receiving gesture input includes: receiving input on a touch screen display (par.44).

As for dependent claims 9-10 and 17 and 18, Wilson teaches the method of claim 5, wherein presenting the second content at the first display includes retrieving a second URL and sending the second URL to the first display *and vice versa* (par.110-112; of course a skilled artisan would appreciate that the networked implementation described in figure 12 and par.110 would implement the use of URL as URL's are a commonly known method to provide an address/path/link of a content ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform Resource Locator](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource Locator)); if content A is presented and

content A gets sent to another display then the system would yield the predictable result of having a URL or another acceptable means to identify what and where content A.

(Note:) It is noted that any citation to specific, pages, columns, lines, or figures in the prior art references and any interpretation of the references should not be considered to be limiting in any way. A reference is relevant for all it contains and may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art. In re Heck, 699 F.2d 1331, 1332-33, 216 USPQ 1038, 1039 (Fed. Cir. 1983) (quoting In re Lemelson, 397 F.2d 1006, 1009, 158 USPQ 275, 277 (CCPA 1968)).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 9-10, 13-14 and 17-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Prior art is related to presentation systems.

Inquires

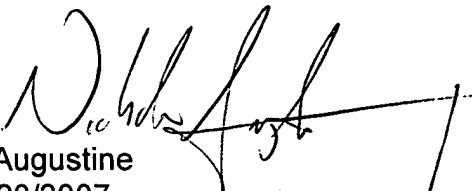
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Augustine whose telephone number is 571-270-1056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 7:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

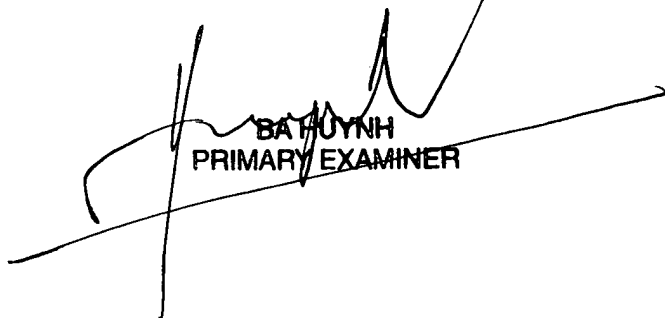
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